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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified patent application. Claims 1-15 are pending; claims 7, 13 and 15 are amended; and claims 16-20 are cancelled.

Applicants thank Examiner Stashick for the statement that claims 1-6 and 10-12 are allowed, and that claims 7-9 and 13-15 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph rejection. Applicants have rewritten these claims, and submit that these claims 7-9 and 13-15 are allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and Remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is earnestly and respectfully requested. If the examiner believes that it would be helpful to resolve any outstanding issues, he is invited to contact the undersigned.

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